

Remarks

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a continuation patent application of co-pending United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/846,591 filed April 30, 2001, which is a divisional of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/268,264 (U.S. Patent No. 6,263,991) filed March 15, 1999. This Preliminary Amendment cancels original Claims 1-21, without prejudice to further prosecution and adds new Claims 22-32. Claims 22 and 30 are independent.

Conclusion

Applicants herewith submit this Preliminary Amendment, and request examination of pending Claims 22-32. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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